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chirp
chirp
rustle

AH-
DID I... INTER-RUPT YOU ...?

SORRY.
I UH... THINK I HAVEN'T THANKED YOU- STILL

THEN ...
CAN I ASK YOU SOME-THING?
IT'S FINE.
WHAT DID YOU MEAN YESTERDAY ABOUT..
IT'S FATE.
chirp
chirp
chirp

...
NOTHING TO CONCERN YOURSELF ABOUT
F-
FATE ...?
flip
flip
flip
WHY DID... ...?
FATE AND SIN AND ALL THAT... WHAT DID YOU MEAN ...?
YOU KNOW ABOUT... ...MY BLOOD, RIGHT?

IT WASN'T A DREAM, WAS IT?
YESTERDAY YOU SAID-
"THERE ARE THINGS YOU SEE EVEN THOUGH YOU TRY NOT TO, AND THINGS YOU CAN'T SEE NO MATTER HOW HARD YOU TRY".

IF I DON'T TRY, I WON'T SEE ANYTHING AT ALL.
IT WAS ALL I COULD THINK ABOUT ALL NIGHT...
THIS CITY IS OVERFLOWING, AND IT'S ALL WITH PEOPLE WHO DON'T WANT TO SEE.
I HAVE TO SEE IT WITH MY OWN EYES.
IF I CLOSE MY EYES AND DREAM A LIE, THE TRUTH WON'T BE VISIBLE.
HUMAN BEINGS ARE ARROGANT CREATURES.

DON'T PRETEND LIKE YOU CARE!
THE TRUTH IS-
YOU NEVER CARED ABOUT ME AT ALL!
NO... I...
...DO YOU FEEL UNWELL?
!?
HEY- ST...
STOP THAT ...!

SMACK
WHAT THE HELL...
...ARE YOU...
AH...
YOUR LIPS ARE BLUE.

YOU'RE FREEZING.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE COLD HERE.
YOUR BODY'S TIRED.
WH... ...!?

!?
squeeze

REST.

lap
lap
lap

WARM...

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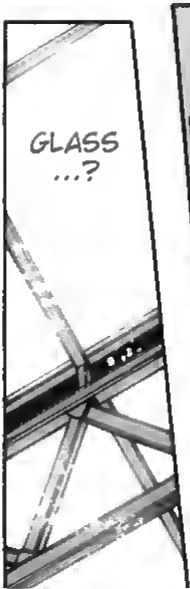
chirp
chirp

AHH...
A GREENHOUSE...


GLASS
...?

THE LIGHT IS...
...BEAUTIFUL...

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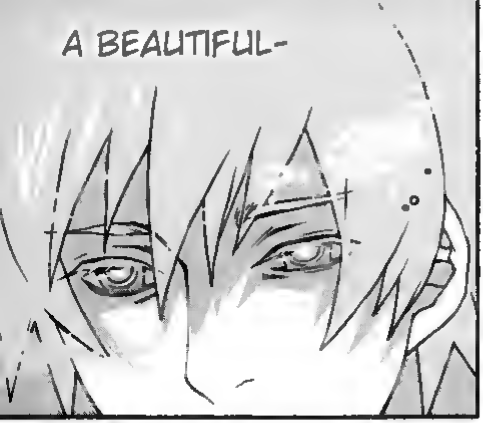
ALWAYS?
JUST LIKE THIS?
I'M ALWAYS...
...ALONE.
ARE YOU LONELY?
lonely...


A BEAUTIFUL-

SHOULD I
STAY WITH YOU?

"LONELY"...
I WONDER HOW THAT USED TO FEEL...
THEY'RE BLUE...

DREAM.

IT'S... IMPOSSIBLE.

WHY CAN'T I REMEMBER BACK THEN...
LIKE WHEN I WAS A KID.
THAT DREAM-
I CAN'T REMEMBER IT WHEN I WAKE...
BUT THE INTENSE REGRET STAYS WITH ME-
I'VE NEVER UNDERSTOOD WHY.
I ALWAYS THOUGHT IT WAS BECAUSE I WAS JUST A CHILD...
BUT COULD IT BE-
THEY RECEIVED MEMORY TREATMENT
SO THEY WOULD FORGET THE EXPERIMENTS CARRIED OUT ON THEM.
I HAVE NO MEMORIES
BECAUSE I WAS A NICOLE TEST SUBJECT.

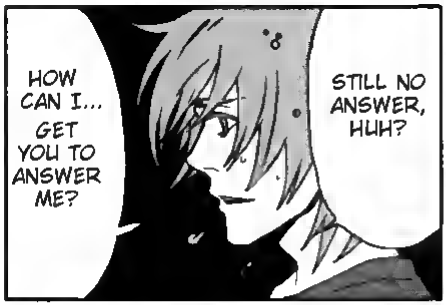
IF THE MEMORIES ARE BITTER, ISN'T IT JUST AS WELL TO BE WITHOUT THEM?
IT'S FUNNY. I HADN'T EVER TOLD ANYONE ABOUT THE DREAM BEFORE... SO WHY...
YOU'RE ALWAYS SO QUIET. BUT...
IT'S JUST BEEN ME RAMBLING ON...
SORRY.

THOSE CLEAR BLUE EYES...
THAT NEAR-GOLD HAIR...
HE SEEMS TO FLOAT ABOVE THE BACKGROUND,
AND YET, HE BLENDS RIGHT IN.
WHEN I LOOK AT HIM AGAIN, HE'S A...
...STRANGE MAN.

EVEN THE AIR AROUND HIM IS DIFFERENT
HIS SCRAWNY ARMS, THAT SLOW, EASY WAY HE SPEAKS-
THEY'RE A MYSTERY.
HE DOESN'T SEEM LIKE HE'S HERE FOR THE IGURA.
ARE THEY BECAUSE OF HIM TOO?
AND THESE RESTFUL HOURS THAT CAN'T POSSIBLY EXIST IN TOSHIMA...
BUT- I SMELL BLOOD ON YOU.
IT'S STRANGE... I... CAN'T IMAGINE THINKING OF YOU AS AN ENEMY.
YOU'VE HELPED ME SO MANY TIMES I DON'T EVEN REMEMBER THEM ALL.
WHO ARE YOU?

THAT'S...

WHERE DID YOU...
WHY...


STILL NO ANSWER, HUH?
HOW CAN I... GET YOU TO ANSWER ME?

...YES.

WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT SALVATION-
I THOUGHT ARBITRO WAS SAYING SOMETHING ABOUT MY BLOOD AND THE ANTIDOTE FOR LINE..
...IS THAT RIGHT?

WHAT CAN I DO?
WHAT HELP AM I?

SO I DON'T GET IT AT ALL.
BUT ARBITRO ALSO SAID MY BLOOD IS FATAL.

BY THE TIME THEY FIGURE IT OUT-
IT'S ALREADY TOO LATE.
THE SELF THAT LINE GIVES IS ONLY TEMPORARY.
THERE ISN'T ANY HELP FOR THE ONES WHO'VE DROWNED IN THEIR DREAMS OF STRENGTH.
IF YOU'VE SEEN THE IGURA, YOU SHOULD KNOW THE ANSWER.
BUT SURELY YOU...
CAN'T BE..
SAYING THAT DEATH IS "SALVATION"?

BOOM
THAT NOISE...
STAY HERE.
WHA-

SFX=CROWD NOISE-
WH-
WHAT THE HELL
!!
run
run

IT'S MY "PUT JUNK AND KNICK-KNACKS IN HERE" WING!
MY FIGURES GO IN THERE!!
all the stuff i don't know what to do with...
BUT I PUT MY JUNK IN THERE!
GUARD! GUARD! WHAT'S GOING ON?! REPORT!

ARBITRO-SAMA!
THERE'S BEEN AN EXPLOSION IN THE WEST WING!
THE WEST WING!?

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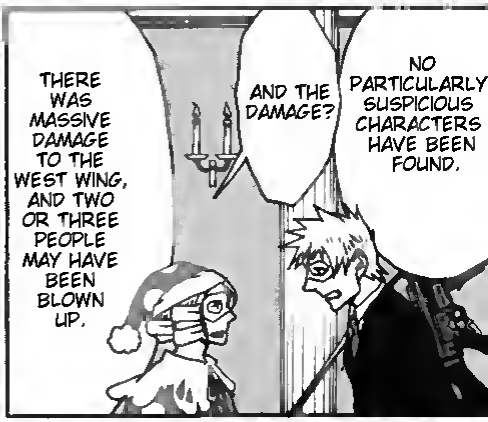
THERE WAS MASSIVE DAMAGE TO THE WEST WING, AND TWO OR THREE PEOPLE MAY HAVE BEEN BLOWN UP.
AND THE DAMAGE?
NO PARTICULARLY SUSPICIOUS CHARACTERS HAVE BEEN FOUND.

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OH, MAN...
WHAT A BITCHIN' ALARM CLOCK.

NO WAY- CAN THE WAR HAVE REALLY STARTED?
THE CASTLE IS OVER THERE.
Ha
ah
OLD MAN...!
BUT THAT HALF DAY...
IS ALREADY LONG PASSED...
LET'S MEET AT NOON.
I'M COUNTING ON YOU.
THE SMOKE
IS COMING FROM THE DIRECTION OF THE CASTLE.
IT COULDN'T BE-

....!
STAY HERE.
JUMP
THUNK

IF YOU'VE SEEN THE IGURA,
YOU SHOULD KNOW-

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WHAT CAN I DO?
ha
WHAT HELP AM I?
ha
ha

ha...
ha
ha
ha...
ha.
WHAT...
CAN I DO...

WHAT CAN I DO-
AH...

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